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ABSTRACT

Methods and systems are provided that facilitate access to a service via a lookup service.

A lookup service defines a network's directory of services and stores references to these services.

A client desiring use of a service on the network accesses the lookup service, which returns the stub information that facilitates the user's access of the service. The client uses the stub information to access the service.

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